## **IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings:

- 1. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display apparatus comprising:
- a plurality of vertical signal lines;
- a plurality of horizontal signal lines;
- a display pixel located where one of the vertical signal lines and one of the horizontal signal lines intersect; and

shield wires on opposite sides of each of the vertical signal lines and on opposite sides of each of the horizontal signal lines,

wherein,

- a potential of the shield wires is set at a value at which the display pixel is displayed in black, such that when a defect occurs it is not recognized by a human eye.
  - 2. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display apparatus comprising:
  - a plurality of vertical signal lines;
  - a plurality of horizontal signal lines;
- a display pixel located where one of the vertical signal lines and one of the horizontal signal lines intersect; and

shield wires on opposite sides of each of the vertical signal lines and on opposite sides of each of the horizontal signal lines,

wherein,

a potential of said shield wires is set at a value at which the display pixel is displayed in black or nearly black, such that when a defect occurs it is

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not recognized by a human eye.

3. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein in a normally black mode, the potential of said shield wire is set at a value equal to or nearly equal to a potential of a common electrode.

4. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display apparatus as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein in a normally white mode, the potential of said shield wire is set at a maximum value, a minimum value or a value approximate thereto of a voltage to be applied to the display pixel.